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STRUCTURE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of July 23, 2004, the Amendment and Response filed on July 2, 2004 is resubmitted in its entirety. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment of July 2, 2004 as corrected to be compliant based on the following.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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